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SUBJ: RELOCATION OF REGIONAL STAFFS

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1. DEPARTMENT'S LAST MINUTE DECISION TO CANCEL RSS/RTC/RMO MOVE TO SEOUL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH REASONABLE EQUANIMITY. NEVERTHELESS SOME PERSONAL HARDSHIPS HAS OCCURED. THREE FAMILIES HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET SOME OF THEIR CHILDREN READMITTED TO HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL. A TOTAL OF FIVE CHILDREN ARE ON THE WAITING LIST AND MR CHRISTIAN, THE HEAD-MASTER, HAS ASSURED ME THAT HE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GIVE THEM TOP PRIORITY. NATURALLY THE FAMILIES INVOLVED ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND I HAVE PROMISED TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO GET THEM READMITTED.

2. SOME FAMILIES HAVE SOLD THEIR CARS, AIR-CONDITIONERS, WASHERS, DRYERS, FREEZERS OR OTHER BELONGINGS AND HAVE PURCHASED WINTER CLOTHING FOR SEOUL. THE POST MAY BE ABLE TO LOAN THEM SOME OLD AIR-CONDITIONERS BUT WE HAVE NO WASHERS, DRYERS OR FREEZERS TO LOAN. IN ELLIS CASE, HE SOLD HIS CAR AND BOUGHT ANOTHER IN SEOUL. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE NEW CAR SHIPPED ON ORDERS FROM SEOUL TO HONG KONG? COULD TRANSFER ALLOWANCES BE AUTHORIZED? WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE REPLACEMENTS FOR APPLIANCES SHIPPED FROM TAIPEI PX? I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON MEANS TO ALLEVIATE THESE PERSONAL HARDSHIPS AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES AS
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SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT REGIONAL STAFFS WILL STAY IN HONG
KONG FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. FUTURE LOCATION OF
REGIONAL STAFFS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.
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